

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**September 4th, 2016**

“And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live?  
And I answered, O Lord  
GOD, thou knowest.”

EZEKIEL 37:3

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## **Schedule of Services**

**Sunday School            10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship        11:00 am**

**Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm**

### **Happy Birthday!**

**Shawna Hicks - 4th, Naomi Caffee - 5th, Ray McMahon - 5th,  
Dina Chance - 8th, Glenn Hanson - 9th**

**This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS**

### **EZEKIEL 37:3 — THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF PREACHING**

To find our podcast search for the keyword **PurposedGrace** on  
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**\*Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

**\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETINGS \*\*\* We're All Invited!**

## **LINCOLN WOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FRI, OCTOBER 7TH @ 7:30 PM, SAT, OCTOBER 8TH @ 6:30 PM**

**PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER & PASTOR TOM HARDING**

## **GOING TO CHURCH**

*"AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM POWER OVER ALL FLESH, THAT HE SHOULD GIVE  
ETERNAL LIFE TO AS MANY AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM. AND THIS IS LIFE  
ETERNAL, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS  
CHRIST, WHOM THOU HAST SENT." (JOHN 17:1-3)*

One hardly has to look long before finding a place where a group of people consistently meets as they say, *"in the name of God."* With all the different doctrines being set forth, how does one know where the truth (CHRIST Himself) is really being set forth? It has been rightly said that but for GOD's grace one will not know and the vast majority of sincere churchgoers will eventually find themselves under the judgment and wrath of GOD.

There are three basic truths that will be set forth in that place where the person of CHRIST is present:

**1. Man is RUINED spiritually by the fall In Adam.** Every person born into this world (save CHRIST Himself) has the blood of rebellion and death flowing through his nature. By and through this fall, man cannot and will not seek after GOD.

**2. REDEMPTION from the bondage of death and sin is only by the BLOOD of CHRIST.** By an everlasting covenant, GOD the SON became flesh (1 JOHN 1:14) to redeem all those that HIS FATHER had given HIM (JOHN 17:2). This redemption was accomplished by a divine act of Imputation. The guilt of all GOD's elect was imputed (charged) to CHRIST, and HIS (CHRIST's) righteousness of perfect obedience to HIS own holy Law was imputed to all those HE came to redeem. With imputed guilt upon CHRIST, He suffered and died under holy Justice and wrath, receiving HIS sheep's just due, thereby satisfying perfectly the Law (the wages of sin death) for them. His perfect blood being shed for the elect's guilt, they now stand before God uncondemned, thus justified (that is, there is no record of their guilt).

**3. Men are REGENERATED by the SPIRIT of GOD.** The path of all for whom CHRIST has died shall be crossed by the HOLY GHOST. That path is going to be crossed with the message of the GOSPEL of CHRIST. That message alone is the message by which the SPIRIT of GOD shall powerfully draw the sheep unto CHRIST. Because these elect sheep are sons, they will cry "*Abba Father*" by faith in CHRIST alone.

There are many places where folks meet every week in the name of religion, but every once in a while a place is found where God Himself has raised up a pastor and a flock after His own heart. Of all the themes being set forth In most churches, no theme shall ever bring honor, glory, and praise to CHRIST the LORD except the message of the GOSPEL. Men are *ruined* by the fall, *redeemed* by the blood of CHRIST, and *regenerated* by HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

## MY SUBSTITUTE

“...HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.” (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

CHRIST JESUS, in HIS human body, took what I deserve (GOD's Wrath) so that HE might give me what I don't deserve (GOD's Righteousness). GOD made HIS SON to be sin for me. In other words GOD THE FATHER punished HIS own HOLY SON as if HE had actually committed all the sins that I am guilty of (past, present, and future). And not only my sins, but the sins of HIS elect were laid on HIM. HE who is guiltless was a SUBSTITUTE for the guilty—Me! HE who is JUST became a SUBSTITUTE for the unjust—Me! And as my SUBSTITUTE, HE paid the price in full for all my sins. I am justified (innocent) by the precious blood of JESUS. He, CHRIST MY SAVIOUR, BY HIMSELF, purged my sins. THEY'RE GONE! GONE! GONE! Never to be remembered against me anymore. As one of GOD's elect, one of His blood-bought children, no charges can be laid to my account.

PASTOR **GENE HARMON**

If by the grace of GOD you can believe GOD and come to HIM through the merits of JESUS CHRIST, you will be accepted. But if you come to GOD with your works you shall be rejected. (ROMANS 9:16)

PASTOR **CODY GROOVER**

## HIM

I once read about an old woman, a believer, whose age began to take its toll on her, especially on her memory. At one time, she knew much of the Bible by heart. Eventually only one precious, little portion stayed with her: *“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that HE is able to keep that which I have committed unto HIM against that day”* Soon, part of that slipped from her mind, as well. She would be found often quietly repeating what she could from the text. Family and friends would hear her going over it again and again. — *“That which I have committed unto HIM.”* Just before she slipped out of this world into glory, her children noticed her lips moving, and they bent over to hear what she was saying. She was repeating just one word, *“HIM... HIM... HIM.”* She had lost her memory of the whole Bible and of everything else, but one word. Yet, she had the whole Bible and everything else in that one word — *“HIM”* This blessed Book is all about *“HIM.”* I want you to know, trust, love, and worship *“HIM.”* May God the Holy Spirit now set our hearts on *“HIM.”* (2 TIMOTHY 1:12)

PASTOR **DON FORTNER**